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1. The monthly wages of unskilled workers at Zabrze (Hindenburg) vary between 650 and 900 zloty; those of skilled workers between 850 and 1,250 zloty. Those skilled workers who exceed their daily quotas by up to 150 percent receive a monthly wage of 2,500 zloty. The skilled workers who exceed their daily quotas by more than 150 percent get 3,000 zloty a month. Administrative employees (typists etc.) receive between 400 and 750 zloty a month. Technical employees receive between 750 and 1,350 zloty a month. Engineers, section chiefs, directors etc. receive monthly wages of between 1,350 and 2,500 zloty.
2. Employees who are party members receive an additional bonus of between 500 and 1,000 zloty a month for operational funds. These bonuses are camouflaged as payments for overtime and are always paid secretly.
3. The following were current prices in Zabrze as of December 1953.

Commodity	Price in Zloty
bread, two kilograms	6-8
butter, one kilogram	60
meat, one kilogram	30
sausage or ham	up to 60
man's suit, medium quality	700 - 1,200
man's suit, good quality	1,200 - 2,500
pair of shoes	400 - 1,000
shirt	60 - 240
overcoat	900 - 2,000
bicycle	1,350 and up
radio	900
camera	800

4. Shoes for workers, which have been mostly stolen from the plants, and Swiss watches, which have been smuggled, can be obtained easily on the black market in Zabrze.

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